

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-76-91

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
LOCAL AND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE  
AND SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (AFDC-FC/SED)  
PROGRAM RATES

REFERENCE: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 1991/92 BUDGET ACT  
SB 724 (CHAPTER 97, STATUTES OF 1991)

This letter is to provide information in regard to the Fiscal Year (FY) 1991/92 Budget Act. The FY 1991/92 Budget Act did not provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care/Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (AFDC-FC/SED) program including specialized care increments or clothing allowances.

FAMILY HOMES

The FY 1991/92 Budget Act did not provide a COLA for AFDC-FC family home basic rates. The AFDC-FC/SED standardized basic rates for family homes (foster family homes and small family homes) remain at the following levels:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>1991/92 STANDARDIZED SCHEDULE</u>
0-4	\$345
5-8	375
9-11	400
12-14	444
15-18	484

When a child with a developmental disability who is both an AFDC-FC recipient and a regional center client is placed in a regional center vendorized facility which provides 24-hour out-of-home nonmedical care and supervision, the County Welfare Departments (CWD's) shall pay the designated Alternative Residential Model (ARM) facility rate established by the regional center.

The "red circle" for ARM facilities ended June 30, 1991. Effective July 1, 1991, the CWD's shall pay the designated ARM facility rate for dual regional center clients who are placed in regional center vendorized facilities.

CWD's with questions regarding termination of the "red circle" policy, please contact your local regional center.

#### FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

The FY 1991/92 Budget Act also did not provide a COLA for AFDC-FC funded foster family agency (FFA) rates. An individual rate notification letter regarding the rate will be sent to each FFA.

The FFA calculated rate caps will remain at the following levels:

	Age Groups				
	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-18
1. Basic Rate:	\$ 345	\$ 375	\$ 400	\$ 444	\$ 484
2. Increment for Child:	175	175	175	175	175
3. Social Work Services:	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
4. Subtotal (1+2+3):	\$ <u>770</u>	\$ <u>800</u>	\$ <u>825</u>	\$ <u>869</u>	\$ <u>909</u>
4. Recruitment, training and administration (Line 4 x 1.666667):	<u>513</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>606</u>
6. Calculated Rate Cap (4+5):	\$1,283	\$1,333	\$1,375	\$1,448	\$1,515

#### GROUP HOMES


Senate Bill (SB) 370 (Chapter 1294, Statutes of 1989) established the standardized rate setting system for AFDC-FC/SED group home programs. Under SB 370, the standardized schedule of rates was to be phased in during a three-year period which commenced July 1, 1990. As specified in statute, during each fiscal year of this three-year period, the rate floor is to be increased to an assigned percentage of the standard rate, (i.e., 85%, 92.5% and 100%) resulting in the rate floor and the standard rate being equal in the third year of implementation. Furthermore, the standardized schedule of rates and, if appropriate, individual group home program rates were to be adjusted by California Necessities Index (CNI) during this same time period.

As a result of the passage of the Budget Act and SB 724 (Chapter 97, Statutes of 1991), during FY 1991/92 the rate floor will be increased to 92.5% of the standard rate; however, neither the schedule nor individual group home program rates will be increased by the CNI. These actions will result in some group home providers receiving rate increases and some providers not receiving increases.

Group home providers and Counties will receive notification from the Department of Social Services regarding the rate for each group home program.

Attached is a copy of the standard rates schedule with the rate amount for each of the Rate Classification Levels (RCLs).

Foster family agencies or group home providers with questions regarding this letter should contact their Foster Care Rates Bureau Consultant at (916) 323-1263. County staff should contact their Foster Care Program Bureau Consultant at (916) 445-0813.



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Attachment

cc: County Welfare Director's Association  
Group Home Consultants and Associations

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AFDC-FC GROUP HOME  
PROPOSED STANDARD RATES SCHEDULE

<u>RCL</u>	<u>POINT RANGES</u>	<u>FY 1990/91 STANDARD RATES</u>	<u>85% FLOOR</u>	<u>FY 1991-92 92.5% FLOOR</u>	<u>FY 1992-93 STANDARD RATES</u> (Estimated 4.2%)	<u>100% FLOOR</u>
1.	Under 60	\$1183	\$1006	\$1094	\$1233	\$1233
2.	60 - 89	1478	1256	1367	1540	1540
3.	90 - 119	1773	1507	1640	1847	1847
4.	120 - 149	2067	1757	1912	2154	2154
5.	150 - 179	2360	2006	2183	2459	2459
6.	180 - 209	2656	2258	2457	2768	2768
7.	210 - 239	2950	2508	2729	3074	3074
8.	240 - 269	3245	2758	3002	3381	3381
9.	270 - 299	3539	3008	3274	3688	3688
10.	300 - 329	3834	3259	3546	3995	3995
11.	330 - 359	4127	3508	3817	4300	4300
12.	360 - 389	4423	3760	4091	4609	4609
13.	390 - 419	4720	4012	4366	4918	4918
14.	420 & up	5013	4261	4637	5224	5224